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For: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES USEFUL IN BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS FOR DETECTING
INFECTIONS CAUSED BY GROUP O HIV-1 VIRUSES

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR INITIALED FORMS PTO 1449**

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Commissioner of Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 31-43 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new
claims.

44. Synthetic peptides of the monomer type in linear form or in a form cyclized by means of
inter-cysteine disulphide bridges, having the general formula (I):

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